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SUBJECT: SITUATION OF FREJULI BLOC LEADERSHIP CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES

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1. VOTE WAS WAS NOT TAKEN ON RENEWAL OF FREJULI BLOC LEADERSHIP SEPT 26 AS EXPECTED (SEE REFTEL); RATHER, FERDINANDO PEDRINI, PRESIDENT OF BLOC, CALLED MEETING OF PERONIST DEPUTIES, APPARENTLY TO DEMONSTRATE SUPPORT FOR HIMSELF. MANEUVER BACKFIRED, HOWEVER, WHEN ONLY SEVEN DEPUTIES SHOWED UP. WITH THIS CLEAR DEMONSTRATION THAT PEDRINI DOES NOT ENJOY SUPPORT OF THE MAJORITY, LBOR WING AND NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE PERONIST MOVEMENT, BOTH OF WHICH HAD TENDED TO SUPPORT PEDRINI, BEGAN TO WAFFLE. MATTER OF RENEWAL OF BLOC LEADERSHIP WILL BE LEFT PENDING FOR SEVERAL MORE DAYS. REPORTEDLY, MATTER IS TO BE DISCUSSED WITH PARTY VICE PRESIDENT ROBLEDO WHEN HE RETURNS FROM THE US. GIVEN PEDRINI'S OBVIOUS LACK OF SUPPORT, HOWEVER, IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT HE WILL BE REMOVED AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE BLOC. THE QUESTION IS WHO WILL REPLACE HIM. IF AN ANTIVERTICALISTA IS ELECTED (AS SEEMS LIKELY). THEN SANCHEZ TORANZO'S DAYS WOULD APPEAR TO BE NUMBERED (AS INDICATED IN REFTEL). IF A VERTICALISTA REPLACES PEDRINI, HOWEVER, THEN THE STATUS QUO WILL SIMPLY HAVE BEEN MAINTAINED.

2. MATTER MAY NOT BE SETTLED UNTIL END OF THIS WEEK. TODAY, SEPT 30, IS THE LAST DAY OF THE REGULAR CONGRESSIONAL SESSIONS.

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HOWEVER, INTERIM PRES LUDER HAS ALREADY INDICATED HIS INTENTION

TO SIGN DECREE TODAY OR TOMORROW CALLING FOR EXTRA SESSIONS
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